

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-13, and 15-20 are pending. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12 are allowed in the current Office Action. Claims 3, 7, and 13-20 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring any adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Kim Kanzaki at (408) 879-6149 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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